

Committee investigators contacted the informant who had supplied information about the offer to the FBI. He confirmed the report of the conversation with Mr. Byers in 1973.

Background checks on Mr. Kauffmann and Mr. Sutherland were initiated in June. Mr. Kauffmann was born April 7, 1904, and died April 1, 1974. He was a lifelong St. Louis resident, involved in a variety of business activities, including the manufacture of gliders and real estate development. From the early 1960's to his death he owned and resided at the Buff Acres Motel in Barnhart, Mo., and his widow, Beulah, still lives there.

Mr. Kauffmann's criminal record discloses he was arrested and convicted for the manufacture and sale of amphetamines in 1967.

Committee investigators reviewed the files of the Federal drug case that led to Mr. Kauffmann's arrest and conviction. They reveal he had been operating a legitimate drug company that marketed a cough mixture called Fix-A-Co. Through the company he was ordering amphetamine sulfate powder in bulk and making amphetamine pills from this powder. During 1967 and 1968, the report shows, Mr. Kauffmann sold over 1 million pills illegally to undercover Federal agents.

A Federal informant testified at Mr. Kauffmann's trial that some of the illegal pills were delivered to the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Mo. This is the prison where James Earl Ray was incarcerated until his escape in April 1967.

Mr. Kauffmann's file was also checked for indications of a propensity for violence. Although it was negative, it was noted that a Federal narcotics agent was ambushed and shot just after talking to an informant about Kauffmann. This incident occurred shortly after Kauffmann's arrest but following disclosure that the victim was a Federal agent who had worked undercover on the Kauffmann case.

There were two other details disclosed in the check of Mr. Kauffmann's criminal record: (1) He told an undercover agent he had threatened a person who owed him money in order to scare him; and (2) he had been solicited to assist in obtaining parole, on work release, for the convicted murderer of a police informant.

While there is no indication that Mr. Kauffmann himself engaged in acts of violence, he associated with persons who were capable of violent behavior and he may have played the role of a broker for criminal activity for these and other people.

In addition, while the committee was unable to obtain information that would provide details on Mr. Kauffmann's political attitudes, it did establish that he was associated with John Sutherland in efforts to establish an American Party in the St. Louis area in 1967-1968. Examination of American Party petitions filed with the Missouri secretary of state for the 1968 Presidential election shows Mr. Kauffmann's signature as either the circulating officer or as a notary public. The American Party supported the candidacy of Gov. George Wallace of Alabama.

John Sutherland, a descendent of early colonists, was born in Charlottesville, Va., October 19, 1905; he died in 1970. He was a 1926 graduate of Virginia Military Institute with a degree in electrical engineering; he received a bachelor of law degree from City College of Law and Finance, St. Louis, in 1931, and a master of law

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